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**To:** Mutter, Andrew; Deutsch, Breanna (Daines)  
**Cc:** Ostendorf, Jody; Moler, Robert  
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Perfect, thanks so much.

-Sophie

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Sophie,

As requested:

**General Comments on Montana sites:**

EPA Regional Administrator Doug Benevento recently visited Butte and Anaconda and met with key stakeholders and members of the communities. In response to seeing and hearing the issues associated with Superfund first hand, and in recognition of the magnitude and complexity of these issues, EPA has prioritized the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area and Anaconda Smelter sites to move more quickly in the Superfund process to ensure remedies protect human health and the environment.

## Silver Bow-Butte

- EPA has taken steps to accelerate the enforcement negotiations for implementation of the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit Record of Decision and has set the end of January as a key date for parties to reach an agreement in principle so that the remaining elements in the ROD can be designed and implemented. If an agreement in principle cannot be reached, EPA will issue a Unilateral Administrative Order to ensure the remaining work (further capping, removals, and stormwater controls along upper Silver Bow Creek and Blacktail Creek) is implemented in a timely fashion.
- An adequacy review for the water treatment plant that will pump and treat water from the Berkeley Pit water is underway. EPA will ensure this process is completed in the short term to understand what is needed for the plant (upgrades) to have the capacity to pump and treat water at the necessary scale. After this review is completed, EPA will act quickly to ensure the plant is ready well in advance so that the level in the pit forever stays safely below any risk of contaminating the alluvial groundwater. An updated Waterfowl Mitigation Plan will be finalized next year that will lay out actions to be employed to prevent birds from landing in the Berkeley Pit and hazing the birds from the pit.
- Next year, EPA will begin further remedial investigations to characterize the nature and extent of contamination in the West Side Soils Operable Unit so that cleanup options can be identified, agreed upon, designed and implemented as soon as feasible.

## Anaconda

- EPA has directed Atlantic Richfield Co. to complete residential and commercial property sampling and cleanup for lead and arsenic on a rigorous schedule. One thousand homes have been addressed since 2015, and 1000 more homes will be addressed over the next three years.
- EPA will start sampling (and remediating where necessary) school grounds for lead and school interiors for lead and arsenic early next year.
- EPA and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County are discussing the final plan for institutional control measures that will be put in place to address residual contamination that may be encountered through excavation or redevelopment; raise awareness of potential sources of contamination in the community; and sample interior dust.
- Based on feedback from the community, EPA will oversee implementation of a health study that will examine health issues in Anaconda and how they are related to exposure pathways and other health risks.

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0800403>

Butte site

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0800416>

Best regards,

Andrew

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Including Andrew this time.

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Andrew, Senator Daines would like to be included in our press release for the Montana sites. I believe Senator Tester will want to be included as well. I have made a similar offer to Congressman Gianforte and I have a message into Tom Livers.

Senator Daines would like a paragraph on each site for background would you please have that prepared for them.

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Hello Breanna,

Doug Benevento, EPA's Region 8 Administrator, has invited us to contribute a quote to here press release.

Doug can connect you with the EPA press team.

-Sophie

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